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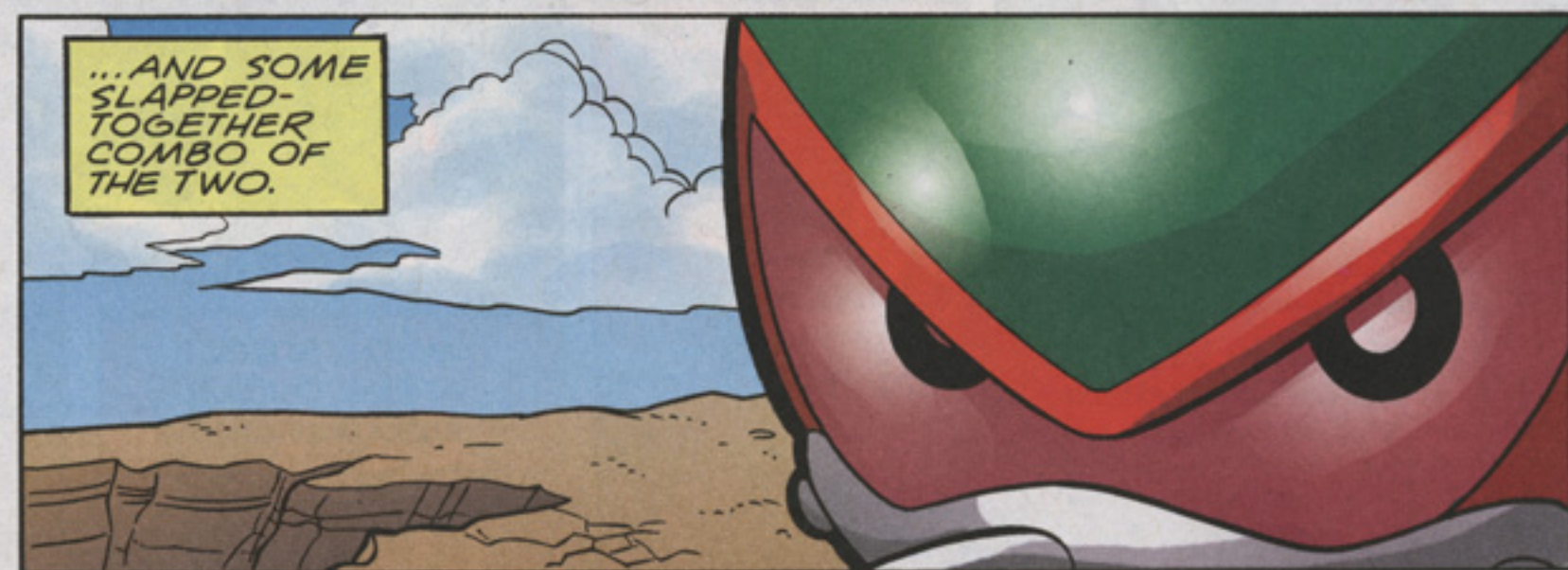
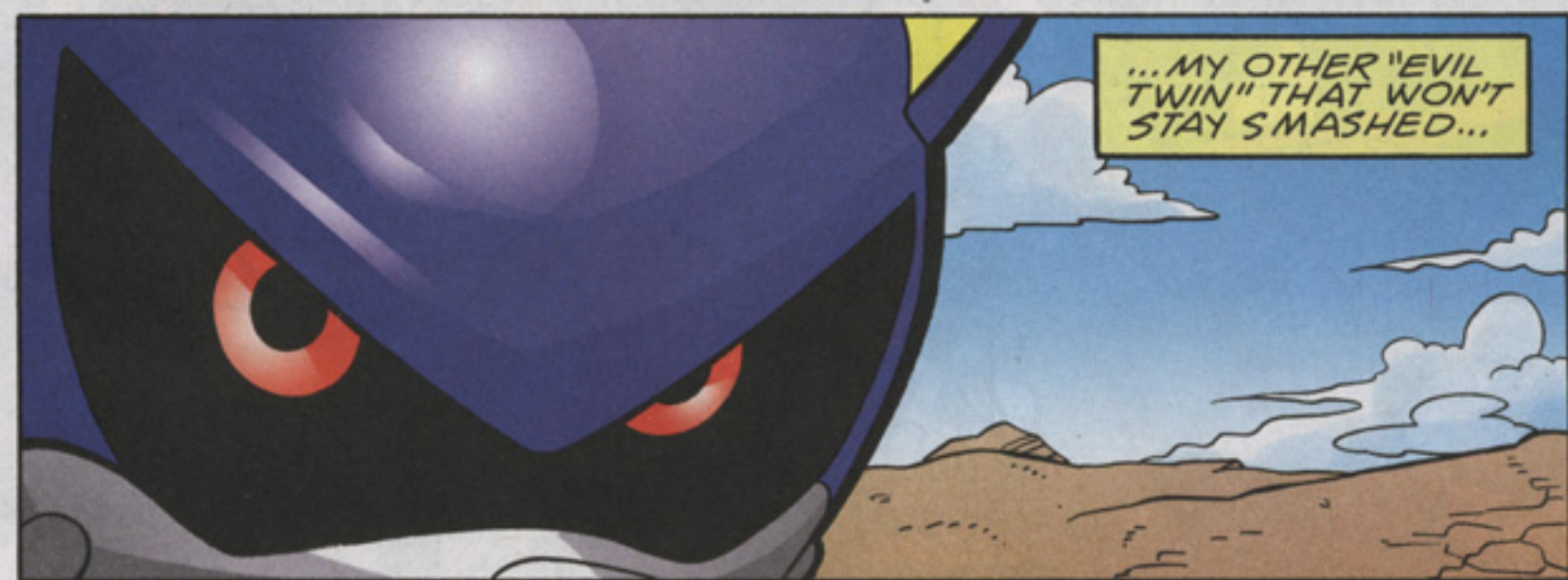
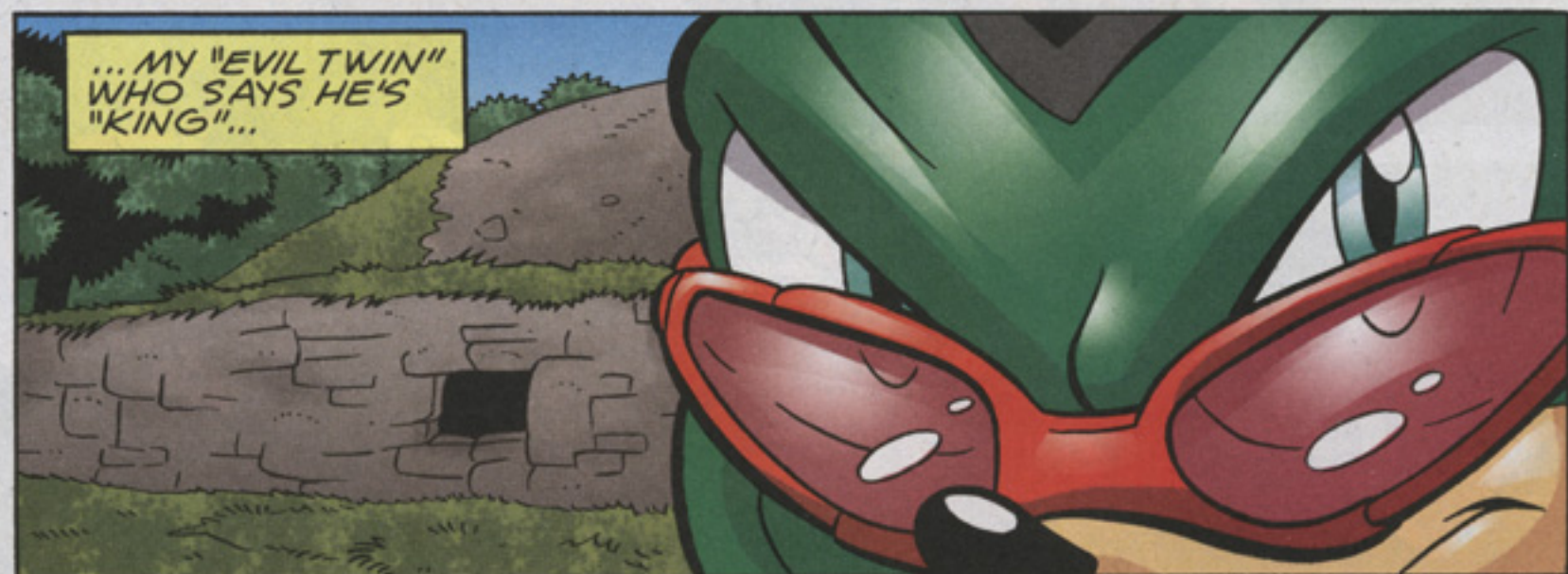
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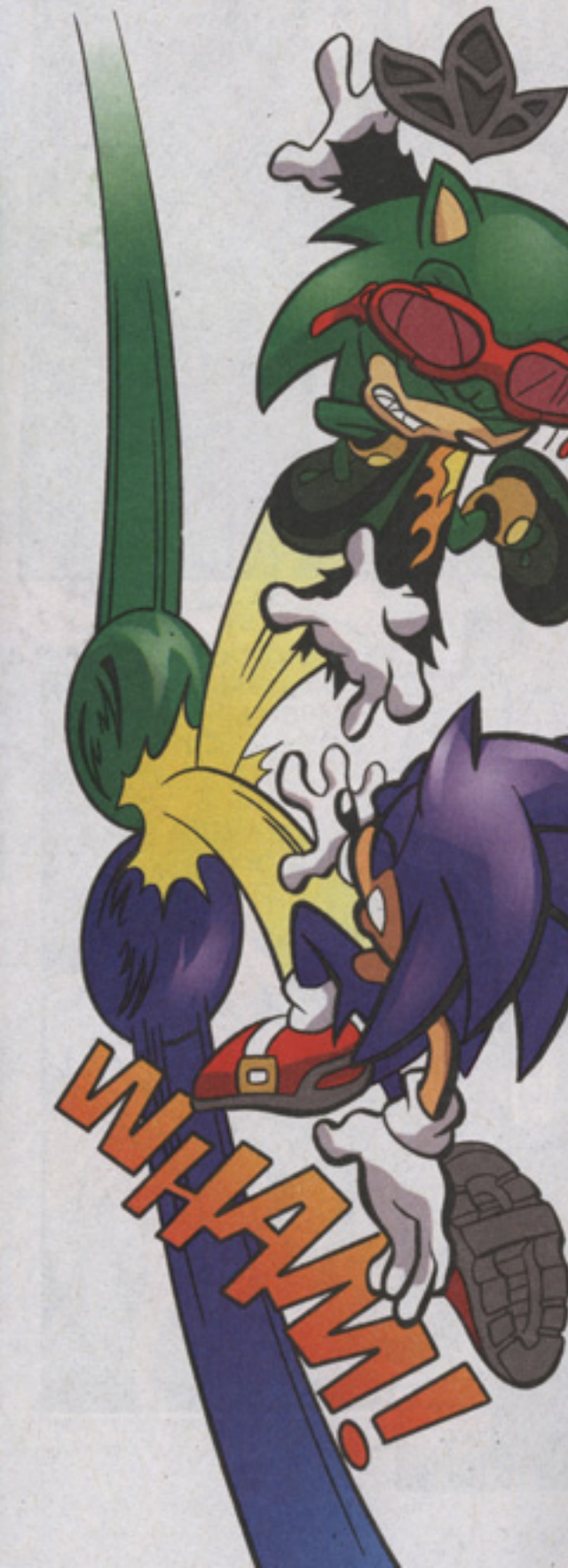
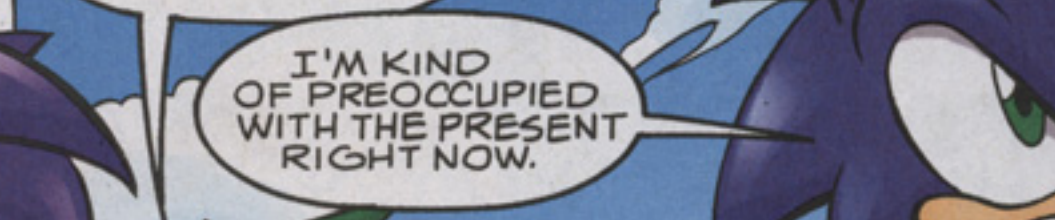
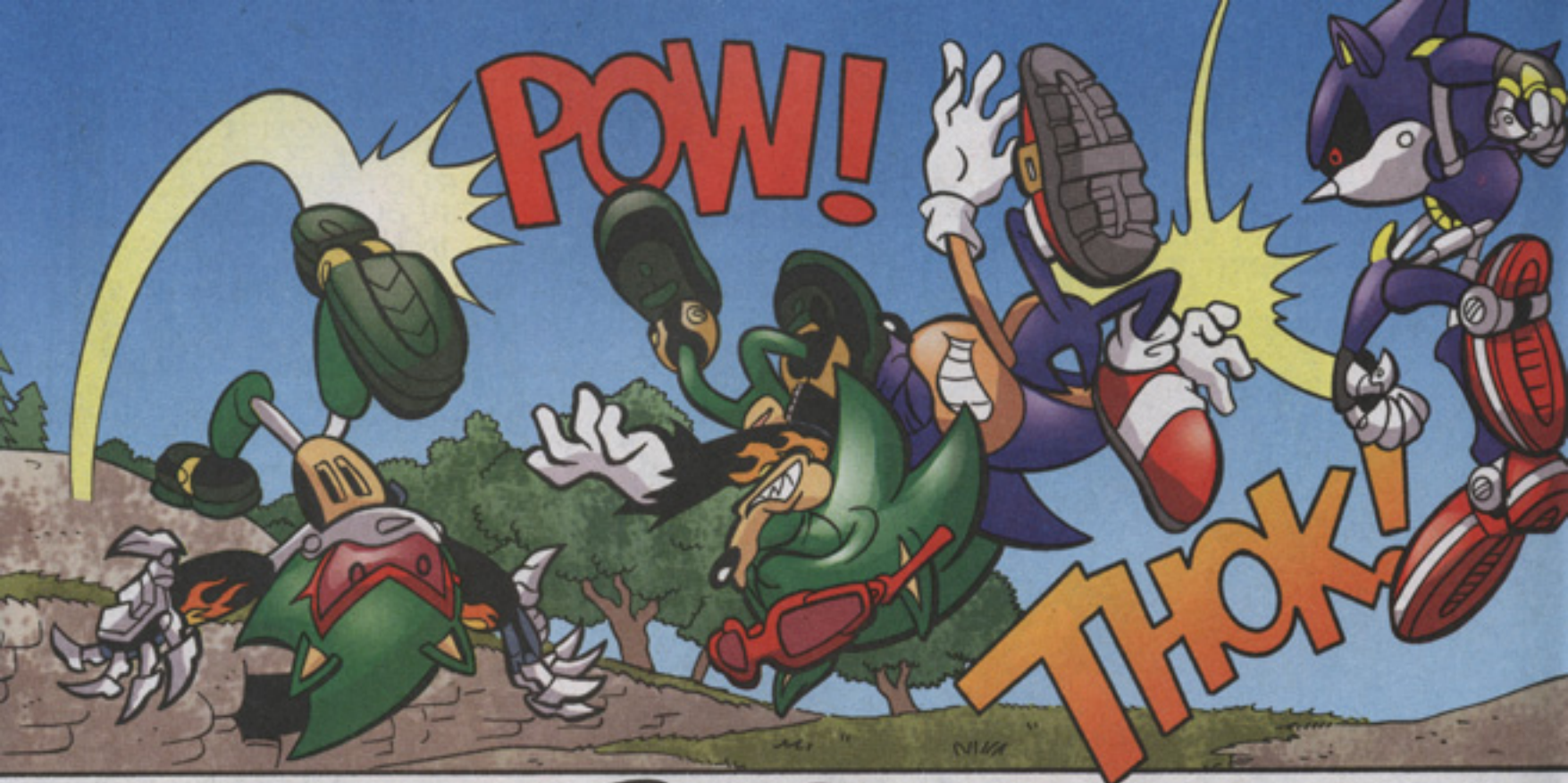
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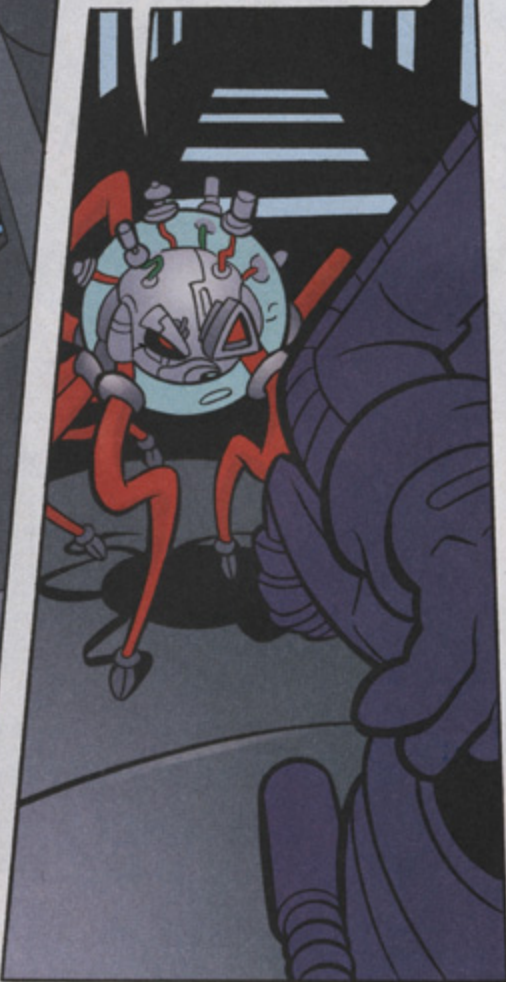


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THE EGGDOME...

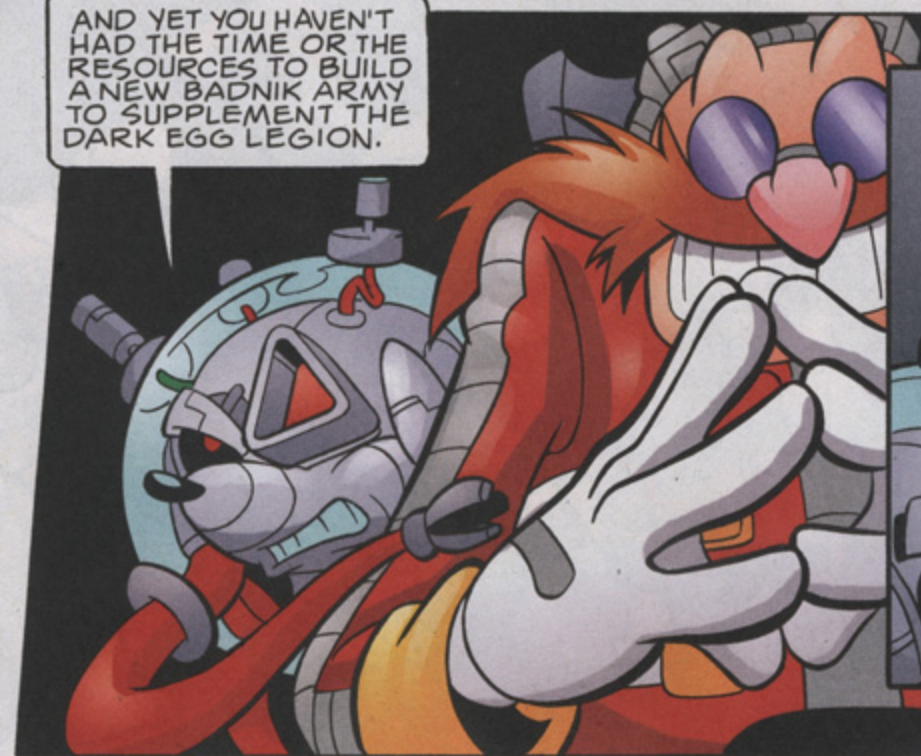
WAH-HA-HA-HA!
THAT'S IT, MY MIGHTY
METALS! PULVERIZE
THOSE RODENTS!



I AM IMPRESSED,
DOCTOR. YOU HAVE
HAD TIME TO CON-
STRUCT TWO ROBOT
DOPPELGANGERS
IN HOURS.



AND YET YOU HAVEN'T
HAD THE TIME OR THE
RESOURCES TO BUILD
A NEW BADNIK ARMY
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HMM?
OH, RIGHT, THE
ECHIDNAS.
LATER, I'M
BUSY.



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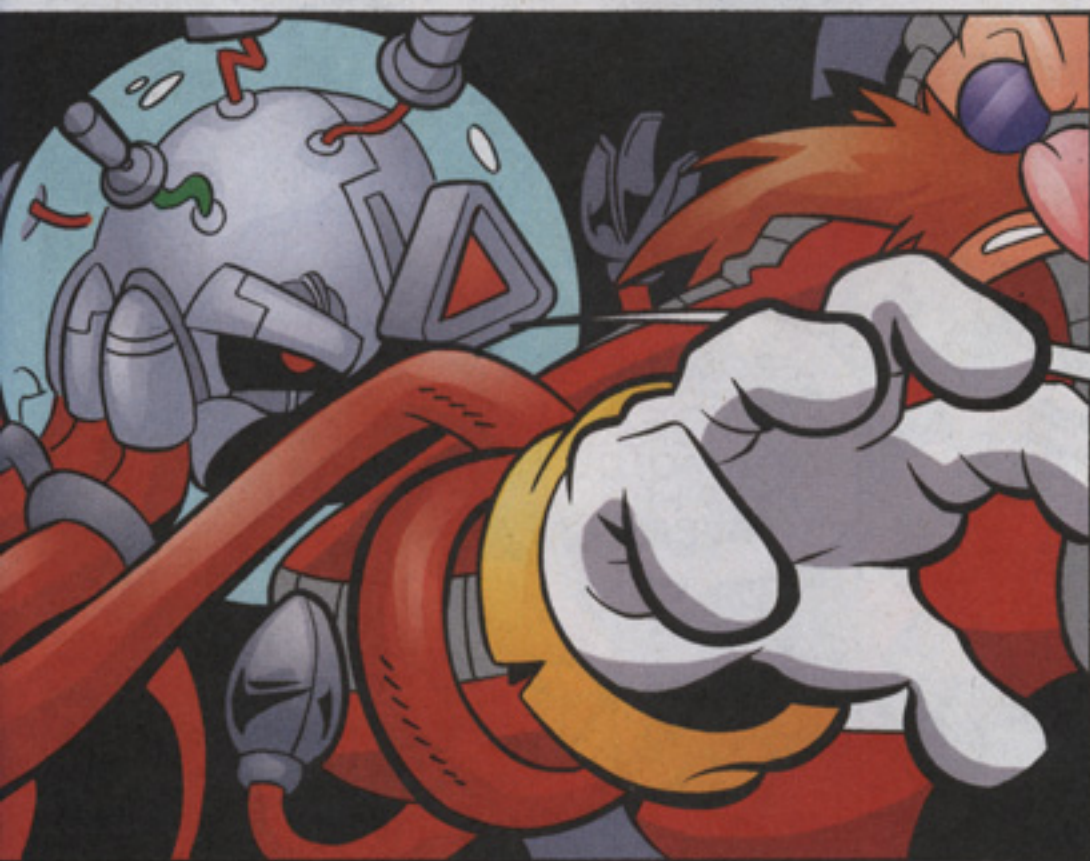


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DO REMEMBER, DOCTOR,
THAT THE LEGIONNAIRES
ARE *MY* PEOPLE.
SOME OF THE LAST
ECHIDNAS ALIVE.
I WILL NOT ALLOW
THEM TO BE USED CARE-
LESSLY.

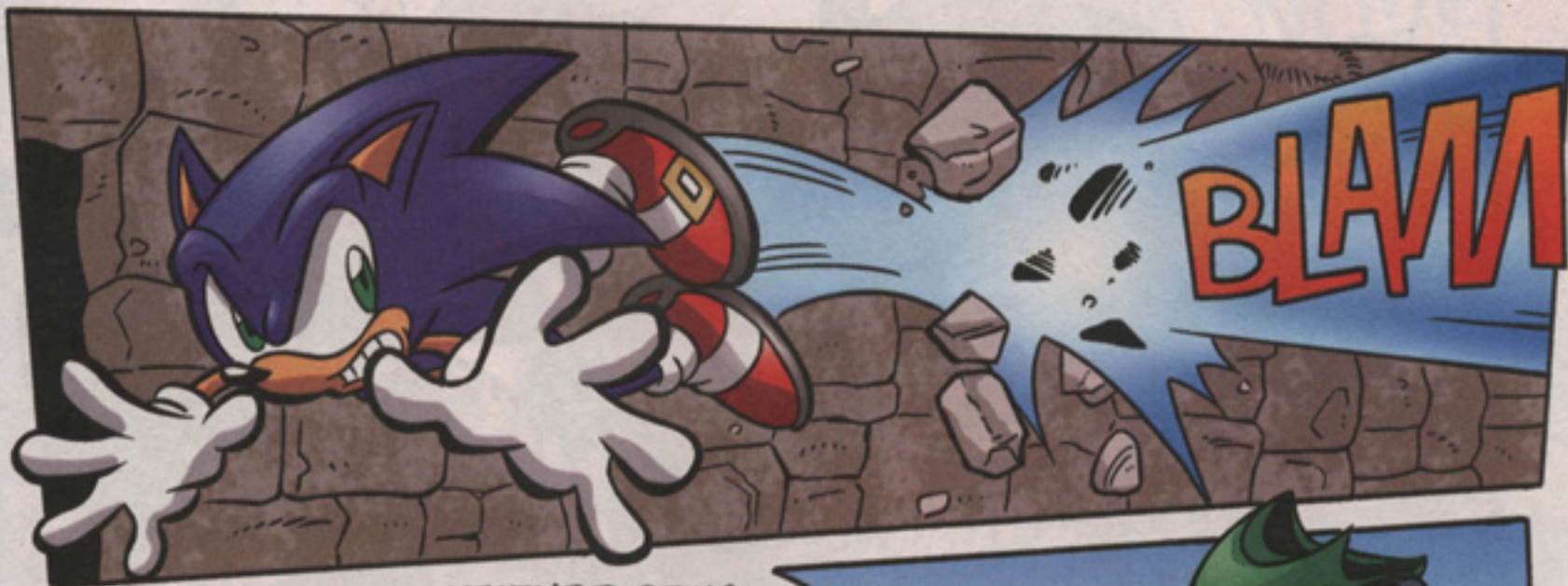
QUITE THE
CONTRARY,
DIMITRI!

I PLAN
ON USING YOUR
PEOPLE TO THE
VERY LAST ONE.
SINCE THERE ARE
SO FEW, I HOPE
THEY AREN'T
USED UP TOO
QUICKLY.



IF YOU HAVE
ANY FURTHER
COMPLAINTS OVER THE
MANAGEMENT OF *MY*
TROOPS, YOU CAN
DISCUSS IT WITH THE
EXPLOSIVES I PUT IN
THE CYBERNETICS
I SUPPLIED
THEM WITH.







SHE'S SAYING THESE THINGS ARE TOUGH, AND YOU COULD USE A HAND!

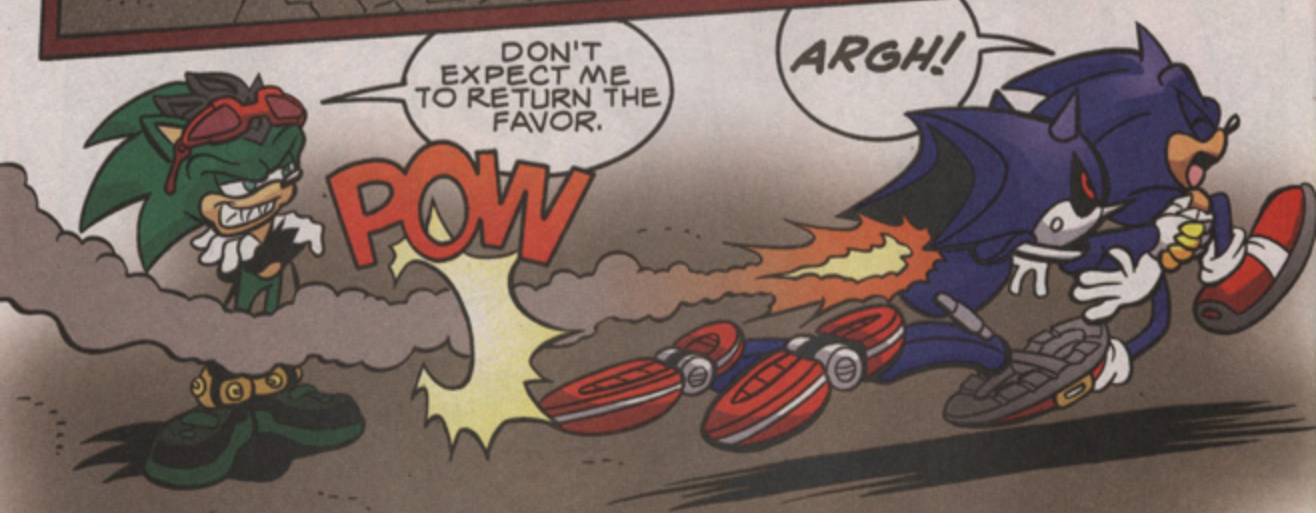


HONESTLY, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE COMPLETELY NEW AT THIS.

GET OFF MY BACK, BLUE. THERE AREN'T ANY "METALS" ON MY WORLD.



YEAH, SO THANKS FOR THE SAVE BACK THERE.



DON'T EXPECT ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

ARGH!

POW

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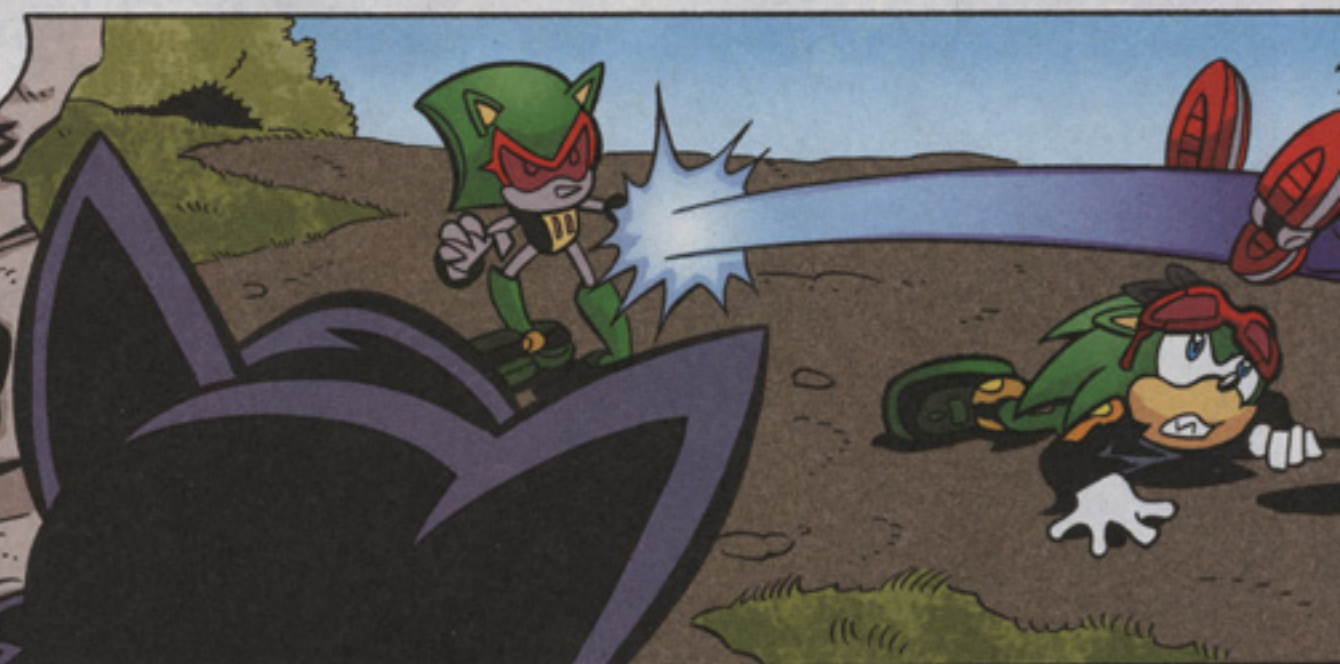
A CURIOSITY.
WHILE I'M QUITE
CONTENT TO WATCH
TWO "SONICS"
BLUDGEONED INTO
NOTHING...

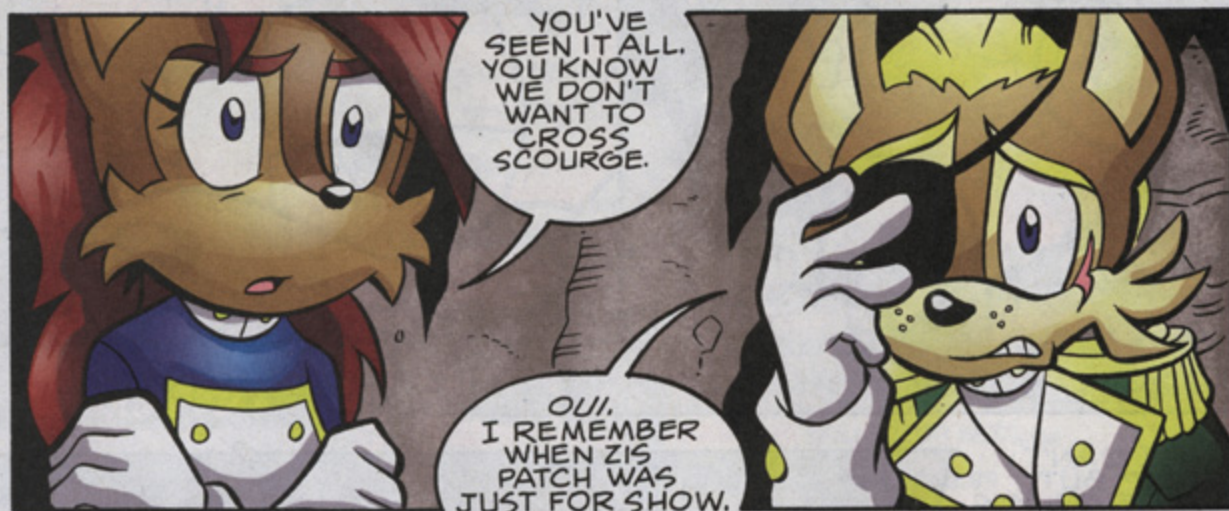


...I CAN'T
HELP BUT
NOTICE SONIC'S
SELFLESSNESS.
HE IS *WHOLLY*
COMMITTED TO
THE GREATER
GOOD...



...REGARDLESS
OF WHO IS
INVOLVED.





THE EGGDOME--
LEGION'S BARRACKS



COME HERE FOR
A MOMENT.

GRAND-
FATHER?!



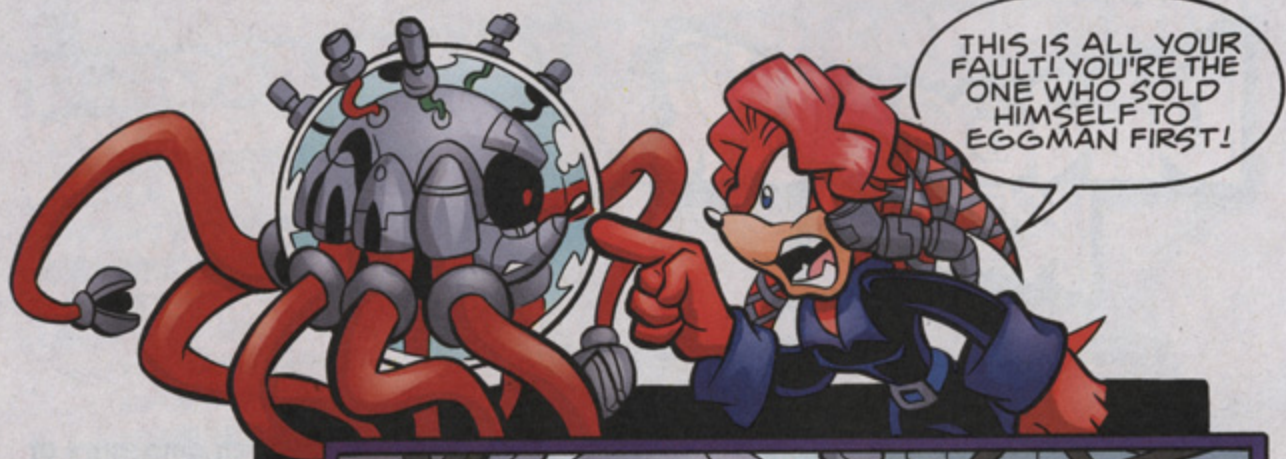
WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF THIS?

BLAST IT, HE
WASN'T BLUFF-
ING. THERE'S
A BOMB.

IN ALL OF
US, I'M
AFRAID.

BOMB?

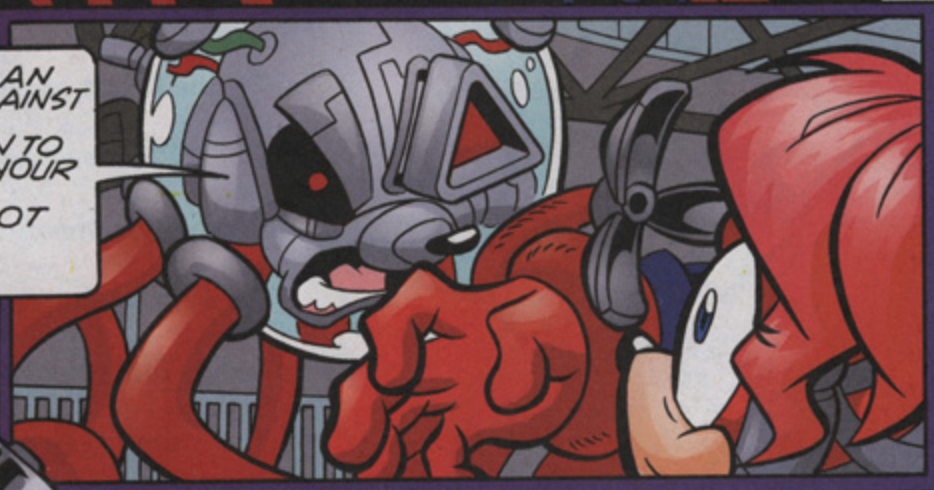




THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SOLD HIMSELF TO EGGMAN FIRST!

I CAME TO EGGMAN FOR AN ALLY AGAINST ENERJAK. * YOU SOLD THE LEGION TO THE EMPIRE FOR YOUR CURSED CYBER-NETICS. ** DO NOT LAY THIS AT MY... FEET.

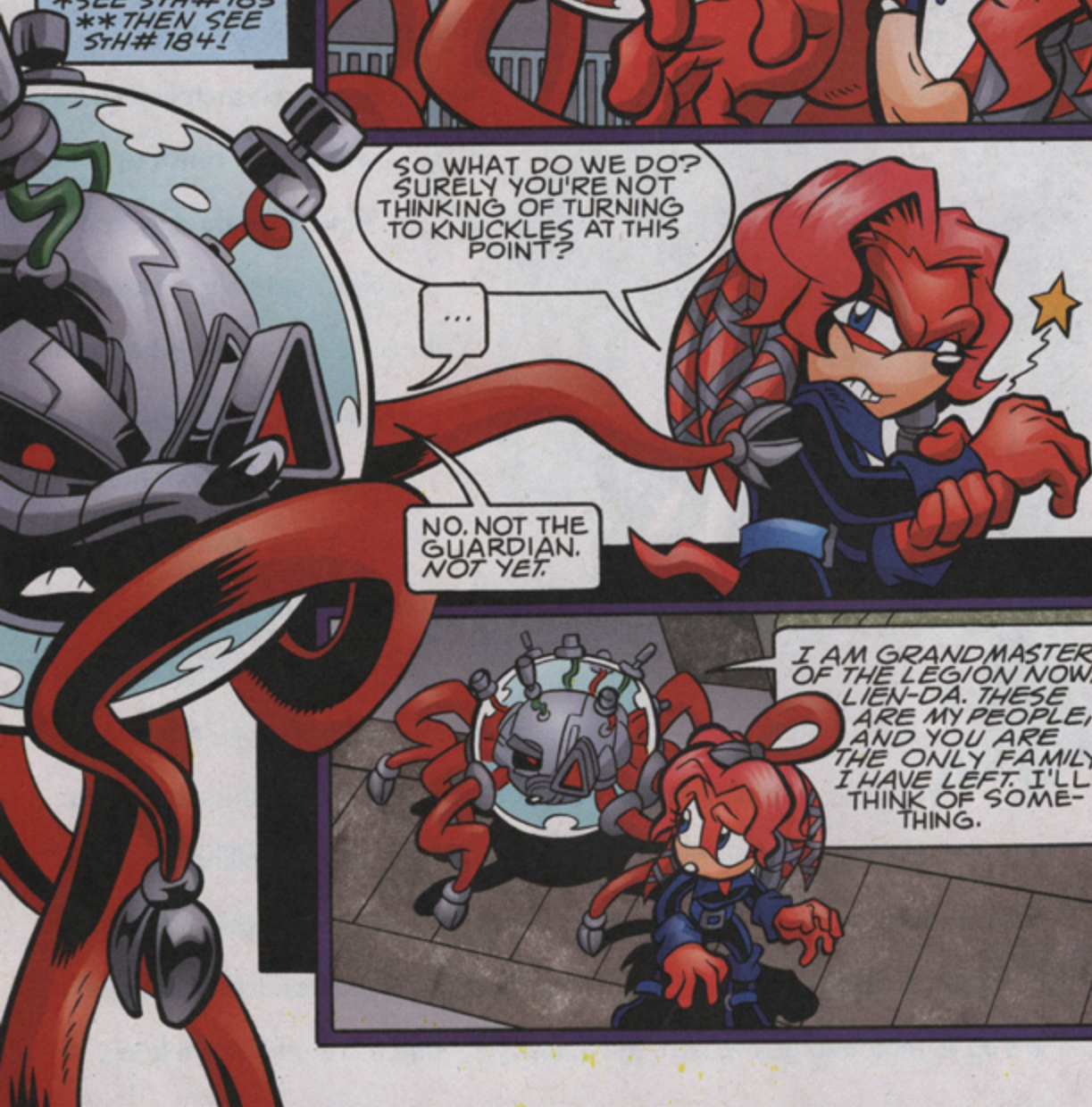
* SEE STH#183
** THEN SEE STH#184!



SO WHAT DO WE DO? SURELY YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF TURNING TO KNUCKLES AT THIS POINT?

...

NO. NOT THE GUARDIAN. NOT YET.

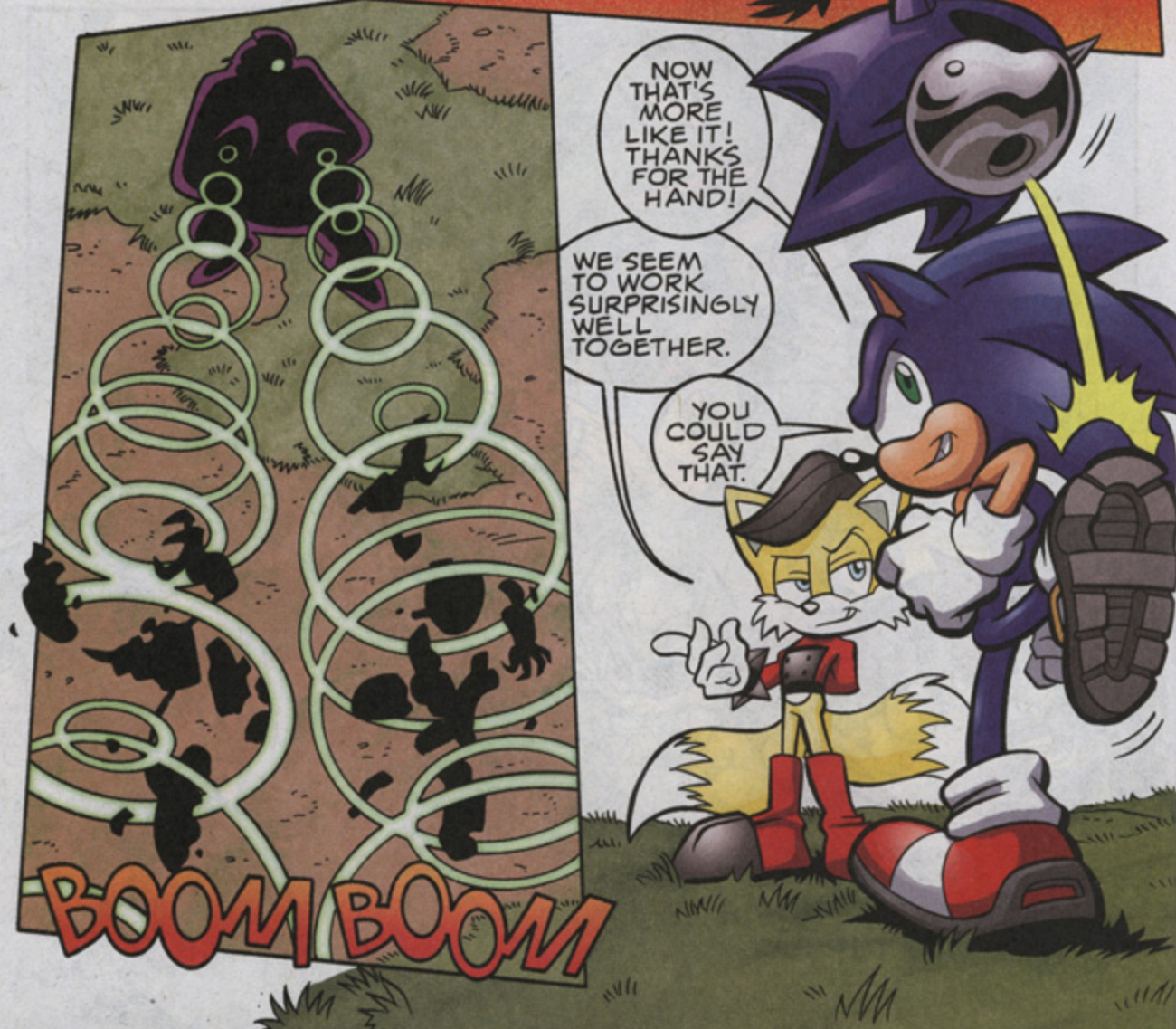


I AM GRANDMASTER OF THE LEGION NOW, LIEN-DA. THESE ARE MY PEOPLE, AND YOU ARE THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE LEFT. I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.



*SONIC MEANS HIS EPIC TUSSELE WITH EGGMAN IN 5TH # 175.

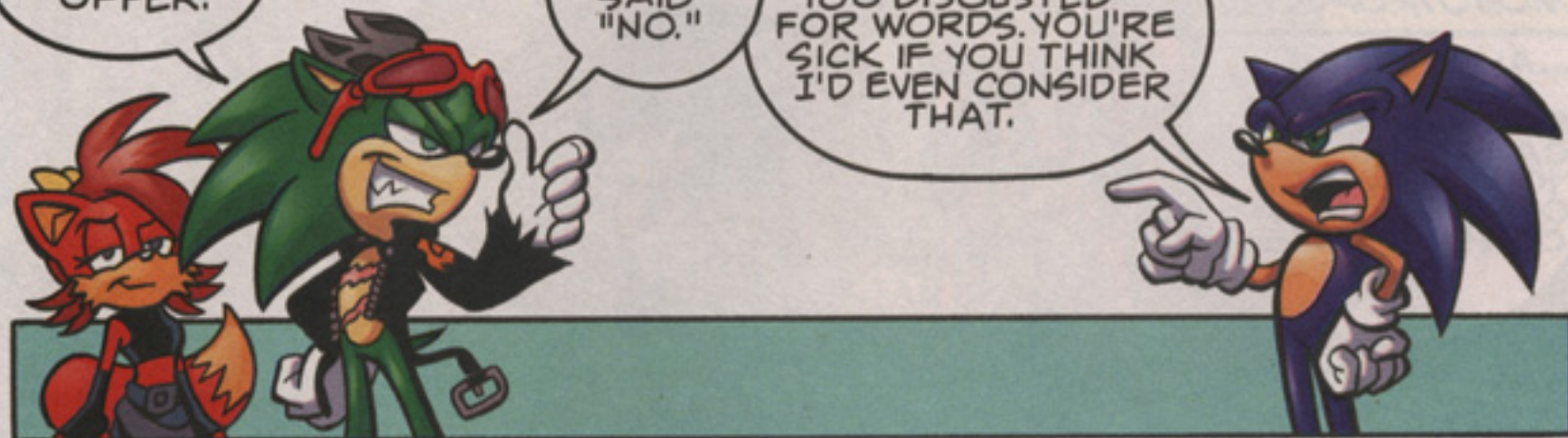




NOW
BACK TO MY
OFFER.

YOU
NEVER
SAID
"NO."

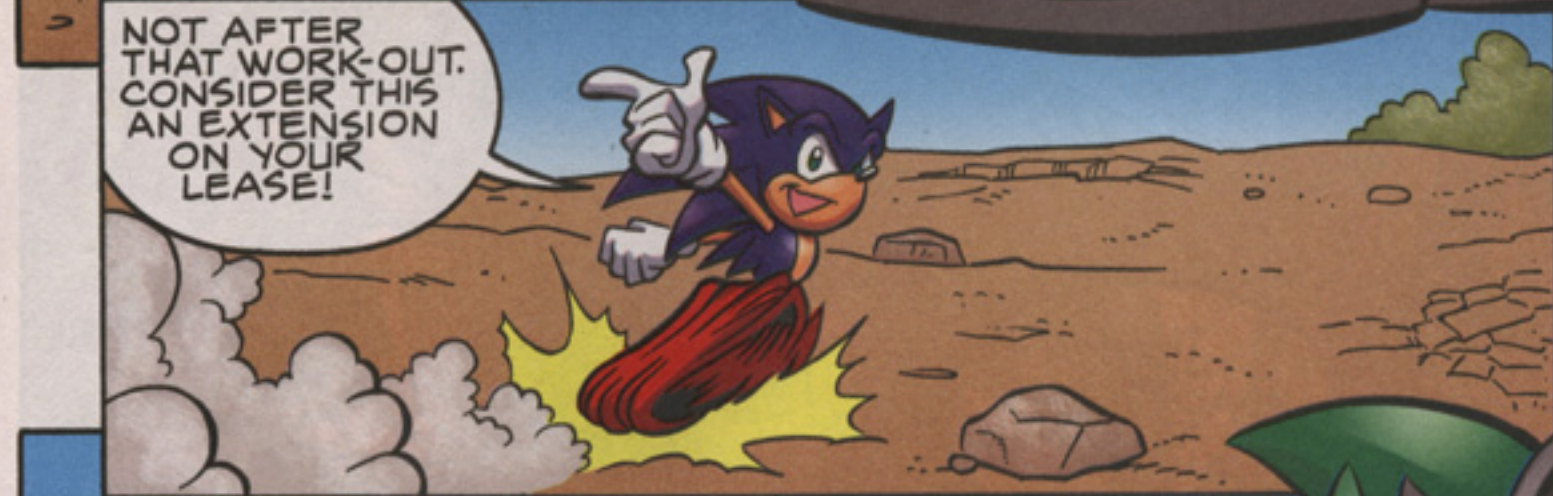
THAT'S
BECAUSE I WAS
TOO DISGUSTED
FOR WORDS. YOU'RE
SICK IF YOU THINK
I'D EVEN CONSIDER
THAT.



YOUR LOSS.
STILL WANT TO
TRY YOUR LUCK
KICKING US
ALL OUT OF
FREEDOM
HQ?



NOT AFTER
THAT WORK-OUT.
CONSIDER THIS
AN EXTENSION
ON YOUR
LEASE!



YEAH, YOU
RUN AWAY.
CAN'T NOBODY
TAKE DOWN
KING
SCOURGE.

YOU
TELL
HIM,
BABY.



LATER--
BACK IN NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS...

...AND WHILE I
DON'T MIND
PERSONALLY, I
CAN'T JUST LET
YOU BLOW US
OFF WITHOUT ANY
CONSEQUENCE!



LISTEN,
ELIAS. I KNOW
YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH
ON YOUR PLATE AS
IT IS. BUT NOBODY
IS GOING TO TELL ME
WHAT I CAN AND
CAN'T DO IF I'M
IN THE RIGHT.



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU DATED
HIM FOR AS
LONG AS YOU
DID.

THAT
THICK-
HEADEDNESS
HAS A CERTAIN
CHARM.



REGARDLESS,
THE ACORN COUNCIL
HAS VOTED YOUR
PUNISHMENT IS...
YOU TAKE THE
LEAD IN THE
NEXT BIG
MISSION.

WHAT
MISSION?
SALLY,
WHAT'S
YOUR
BROTHER
TALKING
ABOUT?

I'LL
SHOW
YOU.



THE SCIENCE CENTER? WHAT, AM I PLAYING LAB HEDGEHOG FOR ROTOR?

SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

SCOURGE AND HIS GANG INVADDED OUR ZONE AND TOOK AWAY OUR HEAD-QUARTERS.

WAIT...NEW STAR POSTS?

EXACTLY. TURN-ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY...

PACK YOUR BAGS, SONIC. YOU'RE INVADING MOEBIUS.

SWEET!



LOOK OUT, OTHER WORLD... **HERE HE COMES!** WHAT STRANGE NEW FRIENDS AND FOES WILL **SONIC** MEET? YOU HAVE TO COME BACK FOR THE **MIRROR WORLD OF MOEBIUS** NEXT ISSUE!



GOOD EVENING.
SCOURGE, ISN'T IT?



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AH, SO THAT WOULD MAKE YOU JULES. HEY THERE, "DAD"!

GIVEN HOW LATE IT IS, I'M GUESSING THIS ISN'T A CORDIAL VISIT.

JUST SOME LATE-NIGHT SURPRISE-PUMMELING.



I ALMOST DIED SAVING MY SON ONCE.

YOU WANT A MEDAL?

NO. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND I WILL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP MY SON SAFE.



CUTE. TRYING TO PROVE YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ME?

WHAT'S TO BE AFRAID OF?



THIS WORLD IS FULL OF HEROIC BEINGS THAT FIGHT A SINGLE GREAT EVIL.

THAT TELLS ME YOUR WORLD IS FULL OF COWARDS, EACH DOING THEIR PART TO RUIN THEIR WORLD.

THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T SCARE ME -- BECAUSE I KNOW, AT YOUR CORE, YOU'RE A COWARD TOO.



COWARD?

I CONQUERED A PLANET ON MY OWN!

YOU BROUGHT A DIFFERENT BRAND OF RUINATION.



TRY AGAIN,
POPS. ON MY WORLD,
WE HAD A TIME
CALLED "THE
GREAT PEACE".
MY DAD WAS
PART OF THAT.
BROUGHT
EVERYONE
TOGETHER
IN ONE
BIG GROUP
HUG.



TEN YEARS
LATER, EVERYTHING
HAD STAGNATED AND
FALLEN APART.

I DIDN'T
RUIN THE
WORLD,
I WOKE
IT UP!



THAT'S
YOUR
ANSWER
TO IT ALL?
VIOLENT
TAKEOVER
AND
ANARCHY?

NOT
REALLY ANARCHY
SINCE EVERYONE
BOWS TO ME.

SINCE
YOU SEEM
SO HUNG
UP ON THE
CORRELATIONS,
HOW DO YOU
LIKE THIS
ONE: SONIC'S
DAD ISN'T
REALLY A
MOBIAN
ANYMORE. MY
DAD SIMPLY ISN'T.





Well, it's pretty clear where Sonic gets his valor and heroism. Thanks to his father, our hero can rest easy until his next mission. Come back next time for **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #193!**

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Dear Sonic-Grams: Why don't you guys do a Shadow mini-series?

Because we love to make all you Shadow fans squirm.

Or at least have him in more stories to let us know how he's doing, how he ended up working at G.U.N., and his relationship with Rouge. Is he going out with her as well as working with her? I don't think she'd be a good girlfriend, but she can probably handle him better than some. Shadow needs someone who can be true to him and Rouge doesn't seem the type for a stable relationship.

Whatever gave you THAT idea? Maybe the fact that she's a renowned thief and con-artist?

There are so many possibilities for developing this character; I'd like to know more of him. I've been

enjoying the Ian Flynn and Tracy Yardley team; the stories and art are great together, and they bring out the humor very well! The stories are keeping me on the edge of my seat. Thanks, Tracy and Ian, for your awesome work! It's been enjoyable to read. And you're almost at issue #200! You guys must be really excited. Hope it'll be special. Oh, and thanks for reprinting the early series into Archives. I'm collecting them all and enjoying them!

- MONICA S. WASHINGTON

Well, we're definitely glad you're not collecting them all and hating them. But thanks for the kudos, Monica! The Sonic Archives will definitely continue as long as there is a demand for them, as will Sonic Select!

Dear Sonic-Grams: My name is Patrick. I'm not going to be one of the biggest-fan wannabes who claim to be Sonic's #1 fan.

So I'm going to say I'm his #2 fan.

Yes. Much better.

I want to send in some fan art, but I think I'll brush up on my skills first. I want to get more comics, but I was lucky enough to convince my mom to let me get Sonic Archives and a 12-issue subscription. My favorite character used to be Tails, but now my favorite is Sonic. Well, that's about all I have to say. Tell Sonic, the Freedom Fighters, and the Chaotix that they're doing a great job in protecting Mobius, and tell Eggman to lay off the trans-fat.

- PATRICK D. MAINE

Hey, have you seen that guy's chair? If I had a seat as huge and comfy as Dr. Robotnik's, I wouldn't be getting much exercise either.

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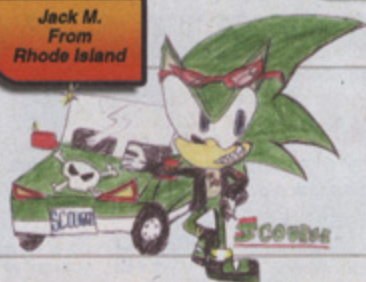
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